

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject patent application and for finding patentable material in the claims.

Claims 15-33 are pending, wherein claims 1-14 have been canceled, and claims 15-33 have been added.

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Reconsideration of claims 1 and 3-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is requested based on canceling claims 1-14, on adding new claims 15-33, and on the following remarks.

The cancellation of claims 1 and 3-7 makes the grounds for this rejection moot. Applicants believe that new claims 15-33 are not indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Reconsideration of claims 1 and 7-9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Danovitch (U.S. Pub. 2004/0175657) is requested based on canceling claims 1-14 and on adding new claims 15-33. The cancellation of claims 1 and 7-9 makes the grounds for this

rejection moot. Applicant believes that new claims 15-33 are not anticipated by the cited reference.

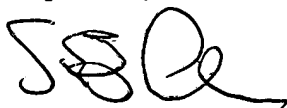
Reconsideration of claims 2-6 and 10-14 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Danovitch in view of Ying (U.S. Pub. 2004/0209476) is requested based on canceling claims 1-14 and on adding new claims 15-33. The cancellation of claims 2-6 and 10-14 makes the grounds for this rejection moot. Applicant believes that new claims 15-33 are not anticipated by the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Some or all of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for Allowance, and that is so requested.

It is requested that should Examiner Owens not find that the Claims are now Allowable that he call the undersigned at 845 452-3204 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SBA', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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